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1. The headquarters of 13 Border Guard Otryad, [redacted] are located at Lyubimets (N 41-50, E 26-05), Svilengrad Okeliya, and include approximately 550-600 men and 36 officers. The otryad is housed in barracks constructed during 1950 in the eastern sector of the village, near the Svilengrad highway. The barracks are approximately 200 meters south of the Maritsa River and 1,500-2,000 meters from the point at which the Svilengrad highway crosses the railroad line. The barracks central building is two stories high, has an attic and a cellar, is painted grey with a red tile roof, and is approximately 80-90 meters long and 10-12 meters wide.

2. [redacted] the following officers were with 13 Border Guard Otryad:

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- a. Lieutenant Colonel Marinov (fnu), commanding officer, [redacted]

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- b. Major Mateev (fnu), chief of staff of the otryad and former head of the training battalion; [redacted]

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c. Senior Lieutenant Vanchev (fnu), [REDACTED]

3. The 13 Border Guard Otryad is composed of the following:

a. The 1 Komandatura, [REDACTED] probably located at Gugutka (N 41-24, E 25-57), Ivaylovgrad Okoliya; 50X1-HUM

b. The 2 Komandatura, [REDACTED] located at Ivaylovgrad; and

c. The 3 Komandatura, [REDACTED] located at Svilengrad. 50X1-HUM

4. Approximately six to seven zastavas are attached to each komandatura, giving the 13 Border Guard Otryad a total of approximately 20 zastavas.

5. The otryad headquarters are equipped with the following vehicles:

a. A Soviet GAZ jeep;

b. Two trucks, one a ZIS; and

c. One horse-drawn cart.

6. The only guard duty pulled by members of the headquarters detachment is at posts in the immediate vicinity of the barracks.

7. Attached to the otryad headquarters are:

a. A training battalion;

b. A reserve company;

c. A communications unit; and

d. A school for training watch dogs.

8. The training battalion is composed of four companies and approximately 450 men. The soldiers are of the 1932 and 1933 classes. This battalion includes the following officers:

a. Captain Vulkov (fnu), commanding officer of the battalion; [REDACTED] 50X1-HUM

b. Senior Lieutenant Yanev (fnu), political commander of the training battalion; [REDACTED]

c. An unidentified warrant officer attached to the battalion staff. 50X1-HUM

9. Each of the four companies subordinate to the training battalion is composed of approximately 100-120 men and is equipped with the following:

a. 59 Mauser and 33 Mosen (sic) rifles;

b. Three Schmeiser and six Shpagin revolvers; and

c. Nine MG-34 light machine guns.

The members of the training battalion are not equipped with gas masks.

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10. The 1 Company subordinate to the training battalion includes the following officer personnel:
- a. Senior Lieutenant Gergev, commanding officer of the company and political commissar; [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 - b. An unidentified lieutenant;
 - c. Two unidentified junior lieutenants; and 50X1-HUM
 - d. Warrant Officer Dzhemperliev (fnu), [redacted]
11. The 2 Company subordinate to the training battalion includes the following officer personnel: 50X1-HUM
- a. Lieutenant Peychev (fnu), commanding officer of the company, [redacted]
 - b. Three unidentified junior lieutenants.
12. The 3 Company subordinate to the training battalion includes the following officer personnel:
- a. An unidentified lieutenant, commanding officer of the company and political commissar; 50X1-HUM
 - b. Junior Lieutenant Gyurov (fnu), acting commanding officer, [redacted]
 - c. Junior Lieutenant Ivanov (fnu), platoon leader, [redacted]
 - d. Two unidentified platoon leaders.
13. The 4 Company subordinate to the training battalion is called "Asen Zlatarov" and includes 96 men, a commanding officer, a political commissar, three platoon leaders, one warrant officer, and nine squad leaders. The following are some of the officers in 4 Company: 50X1-HUM
- a. Senior Lieutenant Vanchev (fnu), [redacted]
 - b. Lieutenant Stoyne Yosifov Spasov, [redacted]
 - c. Lieutenant Nikola Dimitrov Tanchev, [redacted]

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d. Junior Lieutenant Ivanov (fnu), [REDACTED]

e. Junior Lieutenant Viktor Aleksandrov Stanchev, [REDACTED]

f. Warrant Officer Stefan Stefanov, [REDACTED]

14. The 13 Border Guard Otryad Reserve Company has approximately 60-70 Border Guards from the 1930, 1931, and 1932 classes. The latter were inducted during February 1952. This company is commanded by a lieutenant assisted by a junior lieutenant, and is armed with short Mosin rifles, Zbryovka revolvers, two Maksim heavy machine guns on Sokolov mounts, and one mortar. The company is not equipped with gas masks, antitank or anti-aircraft guns.
15. The 13 Border Guard Otryad Communications Unit, [REDACTED] is also a 50X1-HUM communications training school. It consists of approximately 20-25 men who are taken from the ranks of the training battalion and are subjected to a 5-month course in telephone operating or W/T. The members of this unit are armed with Zbryovka pistols. The commanding officer of this unit is an unidentified senior lieutenant who is a specialist in communications. The members of the unit are trained in the use of the following three types of telephones:
- An old Bulgarian type used only on unimportant lines;
 - A [REDACTED] telephone mounted in a wooden box; and 50X1-HUM
 - A modern Soviet telephone which was brought into the wide use in the Bulgarian Army; the telephone is mounted in a box, has earphones, and three buttons on the box.
16. A school for training watch dogs is located in the camp area of 13 Border Guard Otryad in Lyubimets. The school consists of 10 modern dog houses and one old building. It trains dogs to be used by the zastavas subordinate to 13 Border Guard Otryad. During February 1953, the school had approximately 20 dogs trained by 10-12 soldiers, commanded by a Senior Sergeant. The dogs are trained for guarding and for searching. Mongrels are also used for guarding, without any special training. The trained watch dogs are used to guard the zastavas or the border area. They are tied to long ropes attached to post near a sekret (hidden, permanent guard post). They are trained to bark if they spot an intruder. Dogs trained to hunt down intruders are used in free hunts and in controlled hunts, where the dog's master holds onto the dog. These dogs are usually trained not to bark and to throw themselves on the intruder. The school uses Soviet training systems and the commands are issued in Russian. The dogs are subjected to a special diet. No Soviet personnel was observed at the school. Soldiers who took part in the dog training program were promoted to private first class and were told not to associate with the other soldiers. The thoroughbred dogs are estimated to be worth 80,000 leva (old).
17. The "Bozhur" zastava, [REDACTED] has three dogs which are used for guard near the zastava. These dogs were not given special training. The "Kosovki" 50X1-HUM and the "Tintyava" zastavas also have watchdogs (number unknown.)

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